

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**Nashville, Tennessee**

**December 17, 2003**

**IN RE:**

**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FEDERAL  
COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION'S  
TRIENNIAL REVIEW ORDER – 9  
MONTH PROCEEDING – SWITCHING**

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**DOCKET NO.  
03-00491**

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**ORDER GRANTING *BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S*  
*MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE RESPONSE***

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This docket is before the Hearing Officer for consideration of *BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Motion for Extension of Time to File Response*. In the motion, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") requests an extension of the deadline for filing a response to *MCI's Motion to Compel* filed on December 12, 2003 by MCImetro Access Transmission Services, Inc. and Brooks Fiber Communications of Tennessee, Inc. (collectively "MCI").

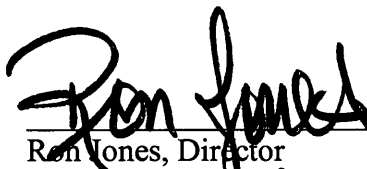
The current procedural schedule provides that the response be filed by December 17, 2003.<sup>1</sup> BellSouth requests a two-day extension so that it can file the response on December 19, 2003. In support of its motion, BellSouth notes the large number of requests submitted to BellSouth from MCI and the fact that MCI does not object to the request. Given the lack of objection from the party filing the motion to compel and that granting the motion will not adversely affect any other party, the Hearing Officer finds that BellSouth's motion should be granted.

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<sup>1</sup> See Order on December 1, 2003 Status Conference and Amending Procedural Schedule, 4 (Dec. 4, 2003).

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

*BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Motion for Extension of Time to File Response* is granted. BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. shall file its response to *MCI's Motion to Compel*, filed on December 12, 2003 by MCImetro Access Transmission Services, Inc. and Brooks Fiber Communications of Tennessee, Inc., by **Friday, December 19, 2003**.

  
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Ron Jones, Director  
As Hearing Officer<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> During the September 22, 2003 Authority Conference, a panel of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority consisting of Chairman Deborah Taylor Tate and Directors Pat Miller and Ron Jones unanimously voted to appoint Director Ron Jones as the Hearing Officer to prepare the switching portion of this case for a hearing by the panel. *Order Appointing Hearing Officer* (Nov. 13, 2003).